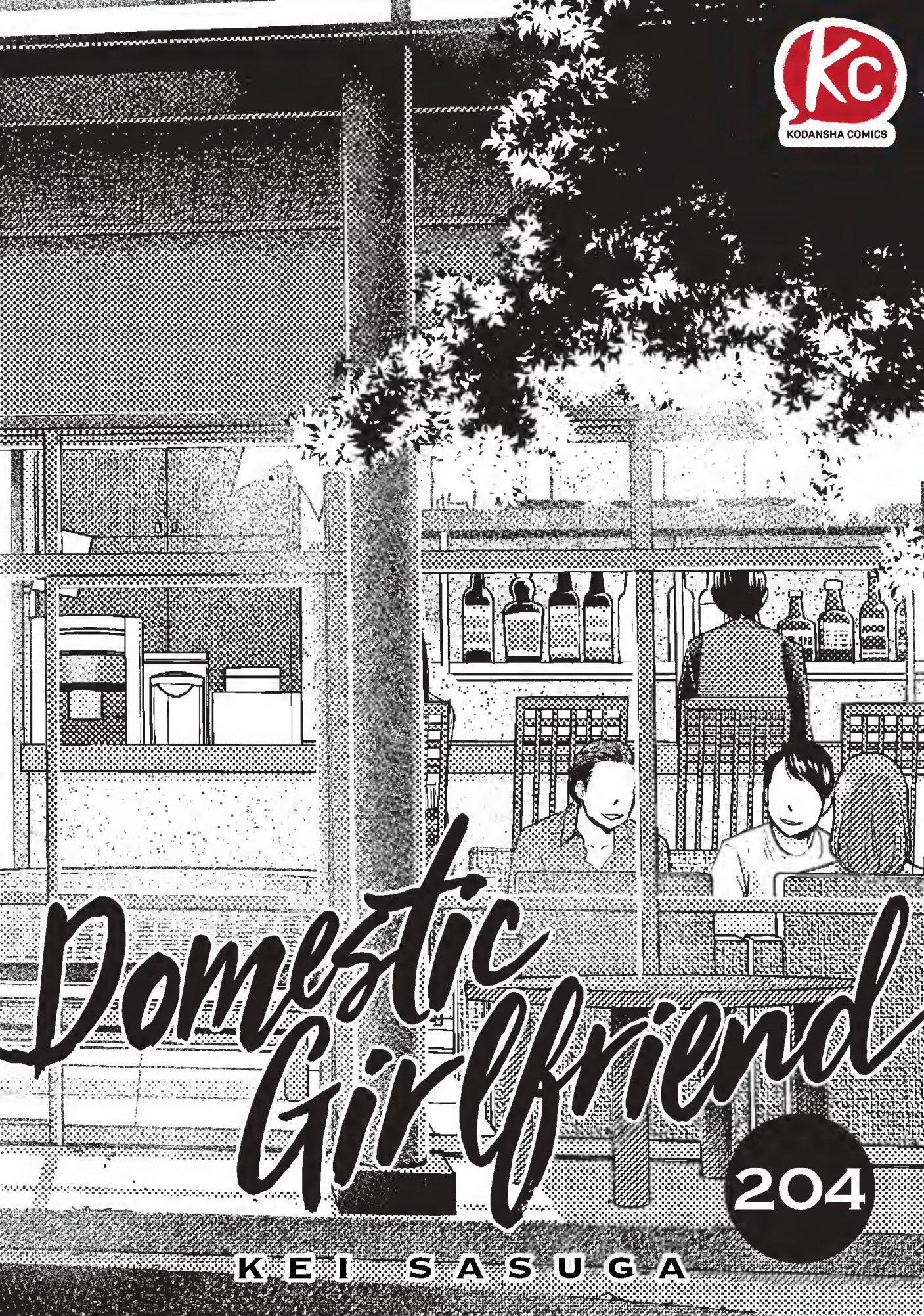
KODANSHA COMICS
Domestic Girlfriend
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KEI SASUGA

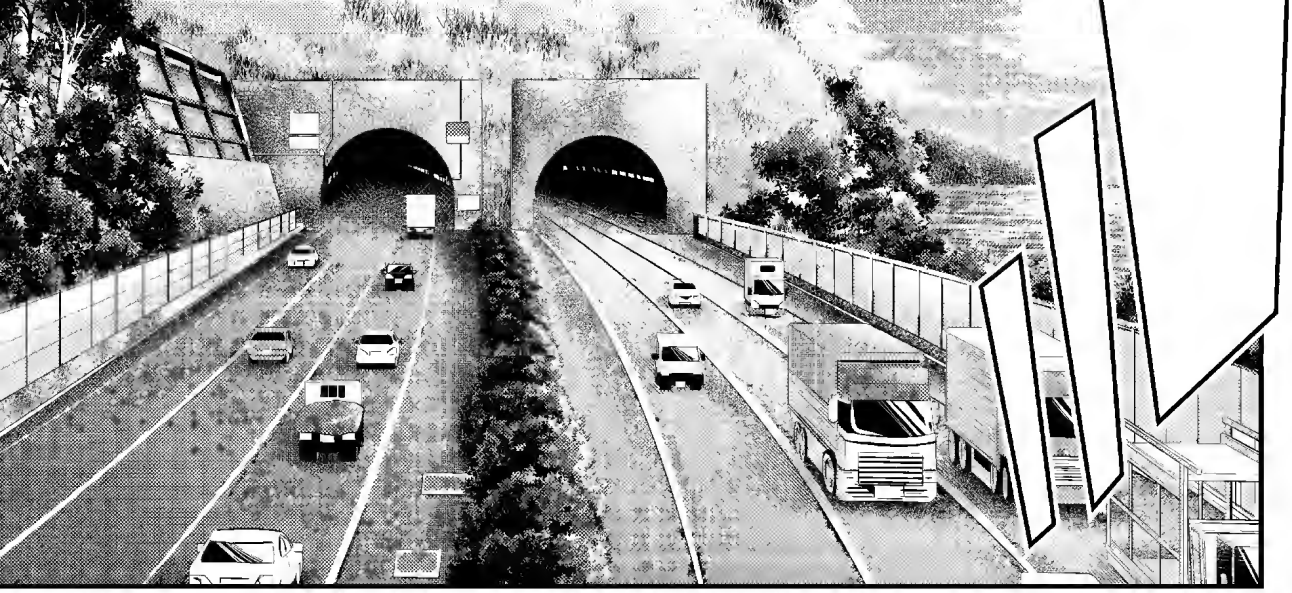
DOME X GIRL
COULD YOU...
...TAKE NATSUO SOMEWHERE TO HELP TAKE HIS MIND OFF OF THINGS?

I DON'T WANNA PROD HIM INTO WORKING ON HIS NEXT PROJECT OR ANYTHING, BUT...Y'KNOW.

YOU...
...DON'T *REALLY* WANNA ASK ME FOR THIS, DO YOU?

HE FELL INTO A PRETTY BAD SLUMP A WHILE BACK.
I TOOK HIM HIKING THAT TIME, AND IT SEEMED TO GIVE HIM SOME INSPIRATION, SO I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE WORTH A SHOT.
KEI SASUGA
CHAPTER 204: FAMILY TRIP

IF YOU COULD,
YOU'D RATHER TAKE HIM SOME-WHERE YOURSELF, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY. WE WERE THINKING OF DOING SOME-THING FOR NATSUO-KUN, TOO.
I'LL TALK TO MOM ABOUT IT TOMORROW.
I THINK A LITTLE FAMILY EXCURSION WOULD BE A NICE CHANGE OF PACE.
HMM.
HOW 'BOUT A TRIP TO KARUIZAWA OR IZU?
SOUNDS FUN.
THANKS,
HINA-NEE.



WOW! THE OCEAN'S SO PRETTY!
CAN I OPEN THE WINDOW?
JUST A TOUCH. IT'S FREEZING.
'KAY!

WANNA STOP BY FOR A BIT?
NATSUO-KUN?
EH, I THINK I'M GOOD.

FORGET THE OCEAN! WE HAVE THE PLATEAUS, THE FALLS, THE ZOO, AND A STAY AT A FIRST-CLASS INN AHEAD OF US!
THINK YOU CRAMMED ENOUGH INTO THE DAY?

THE BREEZE FEELS GREAT.

WELL, THE WHOLE POINT OF TRIPS IS TO CUT LOOSE AND FORGET ABOUT THE DAILY GRIND, RIGHT?
WHY NOT GO ALL OUT?
LOOK, HINA. IT'S YOUR SPIRIT ANIMAL.
I HAVEN'T PASSED OUT IN THE BATH-TUB IN FOREVER!

WOW!
IT'S SO COZY!
A COTTAGE THIS SPACEY MUST'VE COST A FORTUNE TO BOOK, RIGHT?
WELL, IT'S FOR MY ADORABLE SON AFTER ALL. I SPLURGED A LITTLE.
THERE'S EVEN A SECOND FLOOR.
THE BED-ROOMS ARE UPSTAIRS.

LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE TWO BED-ROOMS.
ROOM GUIDE
WHAT'S THE PLAN? ME AND MOM IN ONE ROOM, NATSUO-KUN AND DAD IN THE OTHER?
SOUNDS GOOD TO ME.
TO TIL RIL RIL RIL
HELLO?
YES ...
HUH ?
WHAT ?!
YES.
YES ...
OH, MY GOD.
ALL RIGHT. I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS I CAN.
...
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHO CALLED?
THE OFFICE. APPARENTLY, MY COMPANY IS PULLING ONE OF OUR PRODUCTS DUE TO CON-TAMINATION.

SORRY, KIDS. WE HAVE TO GO!
YOU TWO SHOULD STAY AND ENJOY YOUR-SELVES!
I'LL GO WITH YOU!
AS A SUBCON-TRACTOR, THIS AFFECTS MY COMPANY TOO!
WHICH ONE?!
BODY CREAM.
THEY SAID, THE PHONES HAVE BEEN RINGING OFF THE HOOK. I HAVE TO GET OVER THERE.
TAKE THE TRAIN HOME TOMOR-ROW, OKAY?
ポーカン STUMPED
HUH... I DIDN'T KNOW DAD'S COMPANY WAS A SUBCON-TRACTOR FOR TSUKIKO-SAN'S.
WELL, IT GOT QUIET HERE PRETTY QUICK, HUH?
Y- YEAH.
UM, HANG ON A SEC.
SO, THIS MEANS ...

WHAT AM I GONNA TELL RUI ?!
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MRRR
SOME-THIN' WRONG ?
NOPE! NOTHING AT ALL!
...THE INN ALL TO OUR-SELVES TONIGHT ?!
WE HAVE ...
REKINDLED MEMORIES
I GUESS IT'S NOT THAT BIG A DEAL... RIGHT?
WELL...WE'LL BE SLEEPING IN SEPARATE ROOMS, ANYWAY.
OOH, FANCY!

I BET SHE'LL SAY SOMETHING LIKE "YOU ATE THAT WITHOUT ME? NO FAIR!"
I HAVE TO SEND RUI A PIC.
THIS IS TOTALLY DIFFER-ENT FROM WHAT MOST INNS SERVE.
MAYBE THEY MODERNIZED THE MENU TO GO WITH THE ROOM.
TODAY'S TRIP...
...WAS ACTUALLY RUI'S IDEA, Y'KNOW.
HUH ...?
SHE ASKED ME TO TAKE YOU SOME-WHERE TO TRY TO TAKE YOUR MIND OFF THINGS.
WE WANTED TO DO SOME-THING FOR YOU, TOO,
SHE WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
SO WE HOPED THIS TRIP WOULD CHEER YOU UP A LITTLE.
SORRY...
FOR MAKING YOU GUYS WORRY, I MEAN.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLO-GIZE.
I'M HAPPY YOU GUYS ARE DOING SO MUCH TO CHEER ME UP,
BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I FEEL KINDA GUILTY.
I'M THE ONE...
...WHO FEELS GUILTY.

HUH ?
I MEAN, THAT WHOLE MESS WAS ENTIRELY MY FAULT.
NO, IT WASN'T!
WHEN I WAS SITTING AT YOUR BEDSIDE IN THE HOSPITAL,
I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT HOW EVER SINCE WE MET, ALL I'VE DONE IS THROW YOUR LIFE OUT OF WHACK.

...MAYBE I NEVER SHOULD'VE COME HOME.
THAT...
...PAIN AND MISERY ARE NECESSARILY ALL BAD.
I DUNNO IF I'D SAY...
I MEAN, A LOT HAPPENED BETWEEN US, RIGHT?
BUT I ALSO FEEL LIKE EVERY PAINFUL EXPERIENCE HAS HELPED ME BETTER MYSELF, Y'KNOW?
SOMETIMES, IT FELT LIKE THE WORLD WAS CRASH-ING DOWN AROUND ME.
EVERYTHING HAS PUSHED ME CLOSER TO BECOMING AN ADULT, BOTH THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD.
IT'S KINDA WEIRD FOR ME TO SAY THIS WHEN YOU GUYS ARE TRYING TO CHEER ME UP,
BUT DO YOU REALLY THINK CRUISING THROUGH LIFE PAIN-FREE GUARANTEES YOU'LL BE HAPPY?

SO, I WANT YOU TO KNOW ...
...I'VE NEVER THOUGHT THAT THINGS WOULD BE BETTER IF WE NEVER MET, HINA-NEE.
NOT ONCE.
PLEASE DON'T SAY YOU NEVER SHOULD'VE COME HOME.
YOU'RE GONNA MAKE ME CRY.
I SEE ...
HA HA.
SORRY. AND... THANKS.
OH!
UH-OH. WE SHOULDN'T LET ALL THIS GREAT FOOD GET COLD, HUH?
YOU SAID IT.
LET'S EAT!

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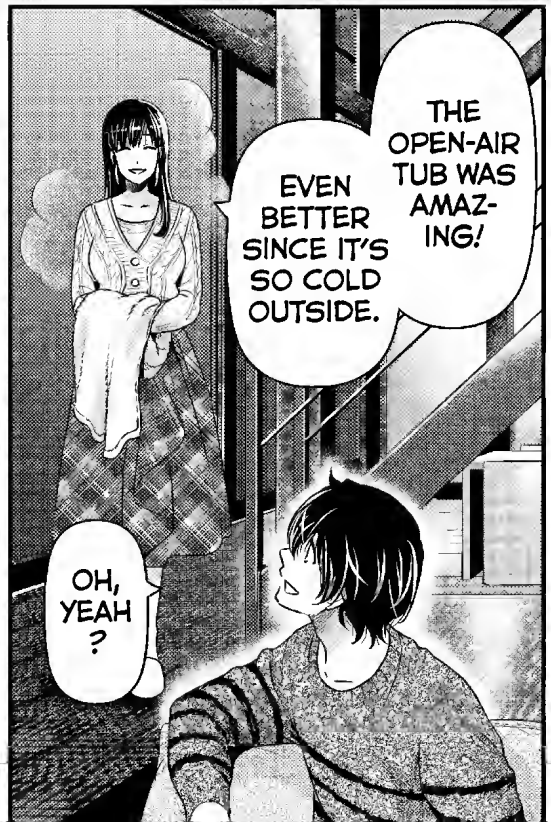
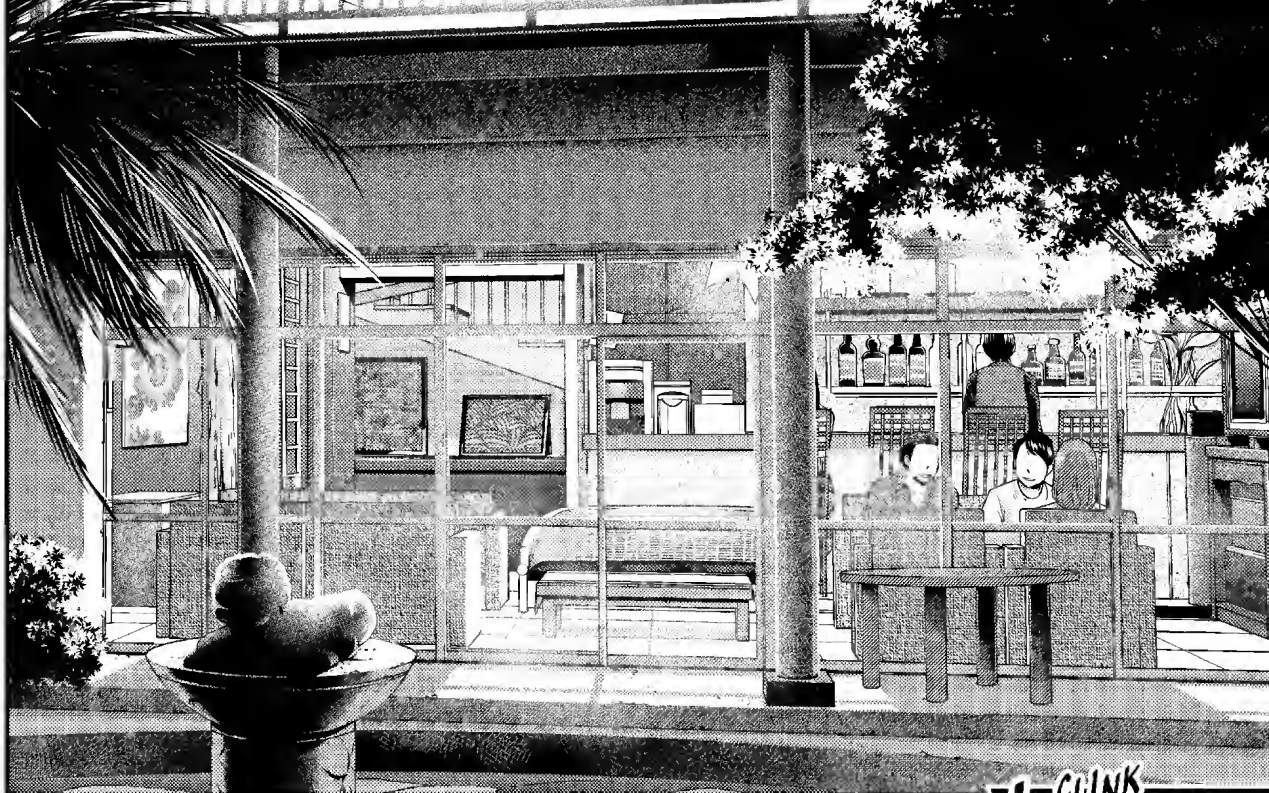
I'M GONNA POP OVER TO THE LOUNGE FOR A COUPLE DRINKS.
DON'T WAIT UP, OKAY?
SURE.


THE OPEN-AIR TUB WAS AMAZ-ING!
EVEN BETTER SINCE IT'S SO COLD OUTSIDE.
OH, YEAH?

THE BATH'S ALL YOURS, NATSUO-KUN!



GOD, I'M SUCH A GREAT BIG SISTER.
IF I KEEP MY DISTANCE LIKE THIS, I WON'T GET ANY FUNNY THOUGHTS.
AND I'LL GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO CALL RUI.

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CLINK

SERI-OUSLY ...

UGH. LESS CRYING, MORE DRINK-ING!
BEST SISTER IN THE WORLD. THAT'S ME...
"WIBL
OH...
DO YOU DO COCK-TAILS?
OF COURSE.
THEN... I'LL TAKE A HIGHBALL. ANYTHING WORKS.
CAN I GET YOU ANYTHING, MISS?
HOW ABOUT THIS?
IT'S A FROZEN FRUIT BALL HIGH-BALL.
WOW!
IT'S SO CUTE!
TNK
TNK
WHY, THANK YOU.
MMM! IT'S REALLY GOOD!

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I THINK I HAD A FEEEW TOO MANY.
THAT BARTENDER KNOWS HOW TO MAKE A MEAN COCK-TAIL...AND SELL 'EM.
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MMM... I THINK I'LL BRUSH MY TEETH AND HOP IN THE SHOWER.
I DON'T WANNA WAKE UP SMELLING LIKE BOOZE.

OKAY.
TALK TO YOU LATER.
NIGHT.

M'KAY.
BED TIME. I'M BEAT FROM WALKING AROUND ALL DAY...
I KINDA FELT LIKE RUI WAS PUSHING ME AWAY,
BUT SHE WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME THE WHOLE TIME...
I'M A LUCKY GUY.
I MEAN, IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
I NEVER SHOULD'VE COME HOME.
I CAN'T BELIEVE HINA-NEE FELT THAT WAY.
SHWICK
POMF
IF ANYTHING,
IT'S ALL MY FAULT.
HINA-NEE?
YOUR ROOM'S OVER-

WHAAA?!